

REMARKS

Status of the Claims*Pending claims*

Claims 1 to 98, as filed, are pending.

Claims Canceled

Claims 2-25, 28-34, 38, 44-45, 47, 54-56, 60, 69-73, 75-76, 78-79, 81-83, 85, 87-89, 91-92, 94-95, and 98 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, after entry of the instant amendment, claims 1, 26-27, 35-37, 39-43, 46, 48-53, 57-59, 61-68, 74, 77, 80, 84, 86, 90, 93, and 96-97 will be pending and under consideration.

Support for the claim amendments

The specification sets forth an extensive description of the invention in the amended claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Sequence Listing

Applicants submit herewith an electronically filed substitute sequence listing in ASCII .txt format in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and §1.825(a) and (b). The undersigned hereby states that the substitute sequence listing contains no new matter. Accordingly, consideration and entry of the substitute sequence listing into the above-captioned case is respectfully requested. The specification has been amended to reflect the electronic filing of the sequence listing.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully aver that after entry of the instant amendment the claims will be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 564462006801. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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